

Statement to be attributed to Billene Seyoum, Spokesperson for the Office of the Prime Minister of Ethiopia:

"The Human Rights Watch report includes disturbing details about TPLF crimes against Eritrean refugees which are consistent with the group's well-established pattern of atrocities, violence and provocation. We condemn in the strongest terms all atrocities committed by the TPLF and others and pledge to ensure justice for the victims of such crimes. TPLF aggression has destroyed countless lives in our country and has needlessly brought war and devastation to the people of Ethiopia. We are committed to bringing an end to this violence, as we have demonstrated by implementing a unilateral ceasefire. While we urge the TPLF to demonstrate a similar commitment to peace, we remain deeply concerned by the group's continuation of violence, aggression and crimes against humanity."

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